



Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department



**FY2000
Annual
Report
&
2001
Calendar**

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County Executive

Fire and Rescue Academy
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Chief Edward L. Stinnette

Strategic Vision

The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department will become the national model for providing responsive, quality emergency and preventive services.

Effectively serving the public remains our highest priority.

We will always value our personnel as dedicated and compassionate professionals, who continuously strive to meet the changing needs of our community. We will actively participate in community life and, by example, serve as leaders and role models.

To Citizens of Fairfax County:

I am pleased to present the Fire and Rescue Department's Annual Report for 2000. As an organization our mission is more than just totaling numbers of responses to incidents. It's really about providing needed services to a very large and diverse community. It's what we do, and we strive to do it better than anyone else in the country. We continue to set a standard of performance that is second-to-none.

Since my appointment, I have put forward several initiatives that have enhanced not only the level of service we provide to citizens and visitors to Fairfax County, but also initiatives that have strengthened the bond between communities and our members. My priorities include:

- ❑ Continue providing the highest level of emergency and non-emergency services;
- ❑ Seek out every opportunity to better serve our citizens and to identify ways to do our jobs better;
- ❑ Identify non-traditional roles fire departments can play within the community and implement strategies for meeting the changing needs of our customers;
- ❑ Invest in education, technology and training, and improve the level of health and safety for employees

As I continue to examine how we do business, it is critical that we focus on the needs of citizens and direct all our energy and resources to achieving that goal.

Improving the quality of life in Fairfax County is a goal that is shared by both elected and appointed officials. My role is providing a vision and a plan that, coupled with leadership and guidance, will help ensure that these initiatives will be achieved. A vision and goals are only promises without the cumulative efforts of all of the members of the Fire and Rescue Department who every day provide the finest support and service possible. I want to also thank the Board of Supervisors and the County Executive for their unwavering support.

Edward L. Stinnette



By The Numbers

1	Safety Avenue Fire Education (SAFE) Interactive Center
4	Volunteer Canteens
6	Battalions
7	Rescue Companies
8	Fire Fatalities
18	Ambulances
21	Medic Units
27	Technical Rescues
34	Fire and Rescue Stations
36	Total Weeks of Recruit Training
52	Water Rescues
89	Civilian, Full-time Personnel
97	Civilian, Seasonal Personnel
102	Life Saving Resuscitations
145	Hazardous Materials Incidents/Responses
162	Incendiary Fires Investigated
213	Accidental Fires Investigated
350	Volunteer Personnel
399	Area of Fairfax County (in square miles)
409	Cardiac Arrests
470	Fire Boxes
531	Overdoses/Poisonings
1,155	Uniformed Personnel
4,432	Public Service Incidents
8,176	False Alarms
9,479	Faulty Omega Sprinklers Replaced
13,129	Systems Tested
18,800	Hours of volunteer training supported
21,872	Suppression Incidents
24,620	Inspections
35,858	Patients Transported
55,552	EMS Incidents
81,856	Total Incidents
\$192,110	Average Value of Housing Units in Fairfax County
352,741	Total Housing Units in Fairfax County
946,371	Population of Fairfax County
\$29,319,289	Dollar Loss of All Fires
\$86,519,793	Annual Budget

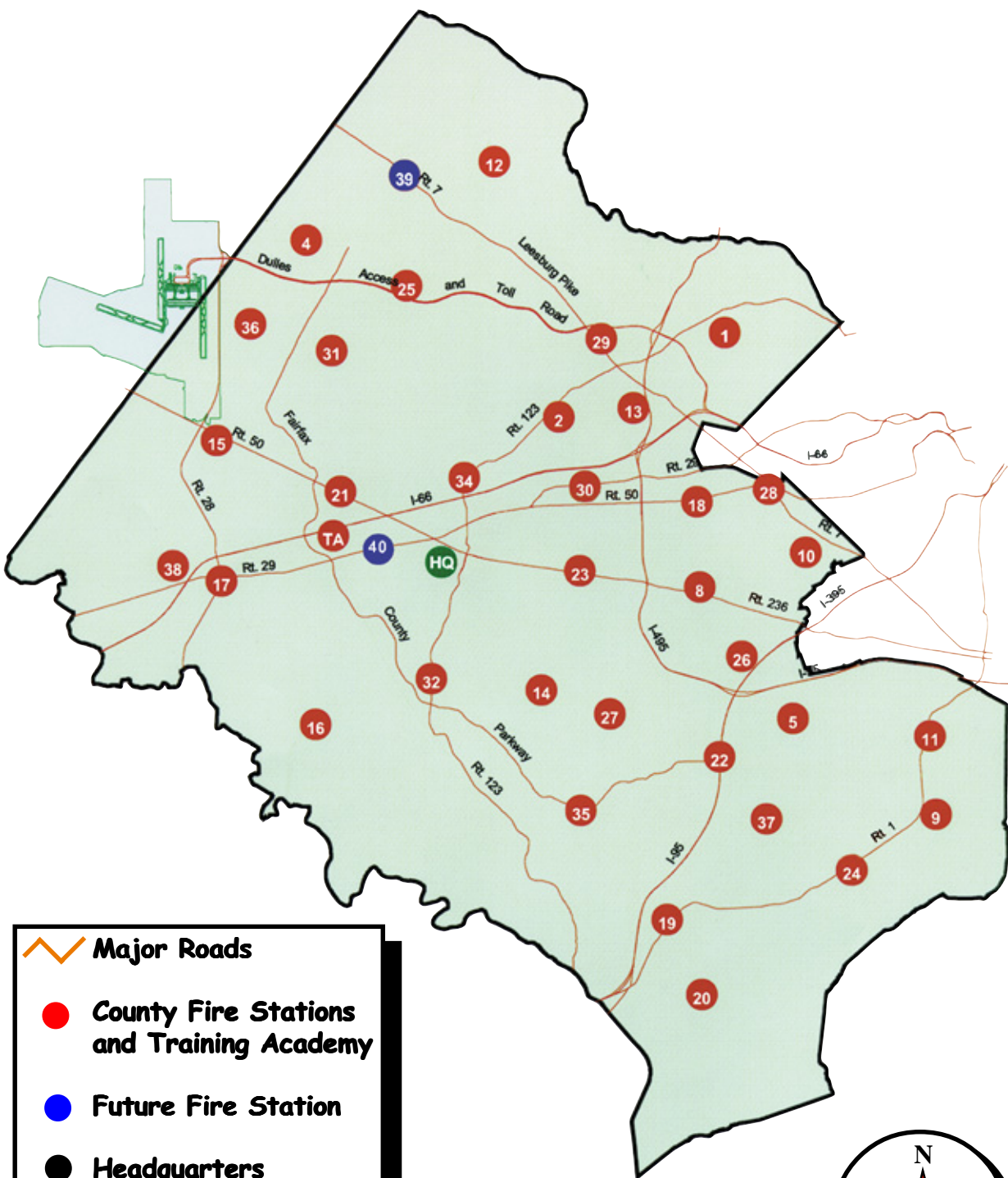
Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Stations





Station Location

Telephone

* 1 .. McLean	(703) 356-6671
* 2 .. Vienna	(703) 938-2242
4 .. Herndon	(703) 437-1233
* 5 .. Franconia	(703) 971-5858
* 8 .. Annandale	(703) 256-2552
9 .. Mount Vernon	(703) 780-0150
* 10 .. Bailey's Crossroads ...	(703) 820-2345
11 .. Penn Daw	(703) 765-4404
* 12 .. Great Falls	(703) 759-2300
* 13 .. Dunn Loring	(703) 560-1539
* 14 .. Burke	(703) 978-9200
15 .. Chantilly	(703) 378-5353
16 .. Clifton	(703) 830-1901
* 17 .. Centreville	(703) 830-8280
18 .. Jefferson	(703) 573-4505
* 19 .. Lorton	(703) 339-5141
20 .. Gunston	(703) 339-5970
* 21 .. Fair Oaks	(703) 591-0247
* 22 .. Springfield	(703) 451-0120
* 23 .. West Annandale	(703) 978-3340
24 .. Woodlawn	(703) 780-0110
25 .. Reston	(703) 437-7575
26 .. Edsall Road	(703) 256-2236
27 .. West Springfield	(703) 451-0453
28 .. Seven Corners	(703) 532-1451
29 .. Tysons Corner	(703) 893-0140
30 .. Merrifield	(703) 573-5321
31 .. Fox Mill	(703) 860-2680
32 .. Fairview	(703) 250-8900
34 .. Oakton	(703) 591-0273
35 .. Pohick	(703) 451-5500
36 .. Frying Pan	(703) 793-0043
* 37 .. Kingstowne	(703) 719-9294
* 38 .. West Centreville	(703) 802-2806
39 .. North Point	Under Construction
40 .. Fairfax Centre	Planned

* Volunteer Companies affiliated with these stations. 4



-  Major Roads
-  County Fire Stations and Training Academy
-  Future Fire Station
-  Headquarters



Operations

Operations has overall responsibility for providing the highest level of quality emergency service to Fairfax County citizens.

- ❑ Meeting the needs of citizens and creating customer satisfaction is priority number one.

Operations has more than 1,000 career and approximately 350 volunteer personnel assigned.

- ❑ All firefighters are certified Emergency Medical Technicians.
- ❑ About one-third are certified as paramedics.
- ❑ All 34 engines in the county are staffed with a firefighter/paramedic, 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week.

The Fire and Rescue Department operates on three separate 24-hour rotating shifts. Each shift is led by a Deputy Chief who is responsible for:

- ❑ Shift management
- ❑ Movement of apparatus for redundant emergency coverage
- ❑ Training and certification
- ❑ Emergency incident response

Each shift is separated geographically into six battalions, each supervised by a Battalion Chief. Each Battalion Chief is responsible for six fire stations and all assigned personnel. While on duty, they direct the operations on the scene of emergency incidents.

Each battalion also has an EMS Captain assigned as an EMS Supervisor. They are part of the Battalion Management Team. They ensure that total Emergency Medical Services standards are met, provide supervision for assigned advanced life support providers and assume the role of medical control officer for emergency medical incidents.

January 2001

 A Shift

 B Shift

 C Shift

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Have two ways out of every room	1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 <i>Martin Luther King Day</i>	16	17	18	19 <i>Inauguration Day Holiday</i>	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			Plan and practice your home fire escape route
	Cool burns with cool running water	December 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31			February 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	

Special Operations

- ❑ Manages emergency medical services, hazardous materials emergency response, water rescue, and technical rescue programs.
- ❑ Manages the County's Urban Search and Rescue program (foreign and domestic response).
- ❑ Participates as a member of the National Medical Response Team.
- ❑ Strives to ensure that county citizens receive the most advanced emergency medical care, rescue response, and hazardous materials emergency response possible.



February 2001

 A Shift

 B Shift

 C Shift

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Sleep with your bedroom doors closed			1	2 <i>Groundhog Day</i>	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 <i>Washington's Day Holiday</i>	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28		Know how to unlock your doors and windows	
Establish an outdoor meeting place		January 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31			March 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	



Academy

- ❑ Responsible for planning, coordinating, and executing all emergency services training within the Department.
- ❑ Training responsibility begins the day new recruit firefighters are hired and continues throughout their career.
- ❑ Conducts an average of three 21-week recruit schools, graduating approximately 72 probationary firefighters annually.
- ❑ Training includes: Emergency Medical Technician Basic (EMT-B) certification, automobile extrication, aerial ladder operations, high-rise fire operations, rail training, fire ground survival, technical rescue, hazardous materials first responder, and swift water rescue.
- ❑ Conducts a variety of continuing education and refresher training for all personnel including Probationary Firefighter School, Emergency Medical Technician Basic (EMT-B) refresher, Cardiopulmonary Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) refresher, and standard evolutions, and specialty training such as live fire training on structures, and Truck Company and Rescue Squad Company schools.
- ❑ Responsible for the development and delivery of emergency medical services training. Training includes certification and recertification of all paramedics and emergency medical technicians. All career personnel maintain EMT-B certification.
- ❑ Supported over 18,800 hours of volunteer training in FY2000 including two firefighter schools, three EMT-B schools, three EMT-B refresher schools, and specialized training.
- ❑ Manages career development, tuition assistance, general training, travel programs, curriculum development, and training records.

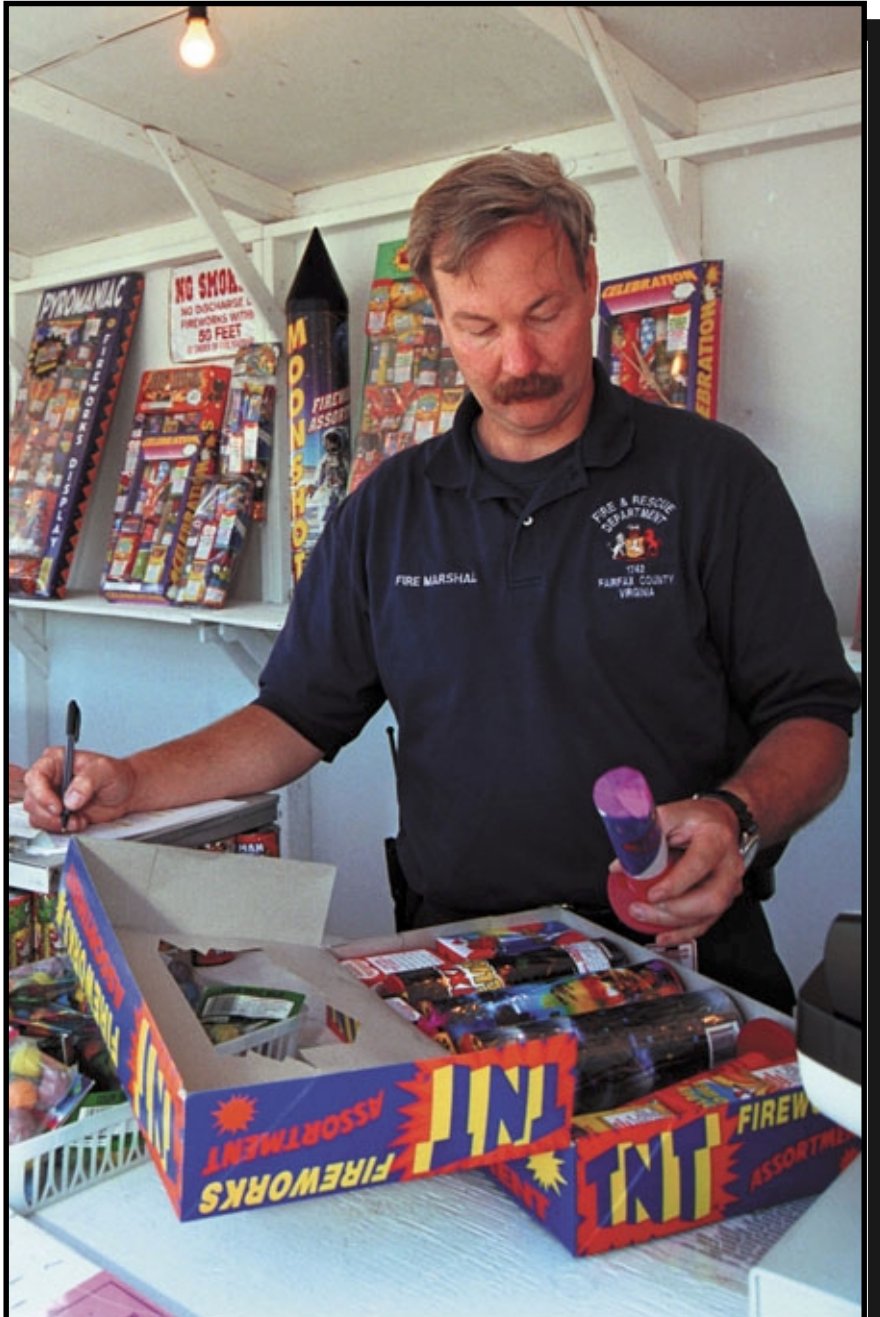
March 2001

 A Shift

 B Shift

 C Shift

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		Never store flammable liquids in your home		1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Never paint sprinkler heads	February 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28			April 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	



Fire Prevention

- ☐ Enforces the Virginia and Fairfax County Fire Prevention Codes through inspections, education, and engineering.
- ☐ Responsible for determining the cause and circumstances of all fires and explosions in Fairfax County.
- ☐ Reviews all building, site, detection, and suppression plans to ensure code compliance in the area of fire protection and life safety systems.
- ☐ Reviews fire lane plans, ensures fire lanes are established according to code requirements, and assists building managers with building evacuation and fire drill planning.
- ☐ Investigates fires, explosions, and hazardous materials releases.
- ☐ Provides support to the National Response Team through the use of Bert, the accelerant detection canine.
- ☐ Provides staff support and input to the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee.
- ☐ Conducts criminal investigation of hazardous materials violations, hazardous waste dumps, and other environmental crimes.
- ☐ Responsible for the Hazardous Materials Emergency Response and the Contingency Planning Program, Legislative and Regulatory Oversight Program, Significant Hazards Surveillance Program, and Emergency Incident Cost Recovery Program.
- ☐ Manages and maintains the Hazardous Materials Enforcement Program and the Hazardous Materials Release Oversight and Monitoring Program.
- ☐ Performs related emergency planning.
- ☐ Oversees hazardous materials clean-up and remediation, inspects blasting sites and materials.
- ☐ Provides 24-hour coverage ensuring rapid response to any fire or explosion.
- ☐ Monitors tests on fire protection systems in buildings under construction and renovation.
- ☐ Oversees annual re-tests of fire protection systems in existing buildings.
- ☐ Provides expertise in the identification and ongoing remediation of faulty fire sprinklers.
- ☐ Provides an "Engineer on Call" program for evaluating code related problems.

April 2001

 A Shift

 B Shift

 C Shift

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 <i>Change smoke detector battery. Daylight Saving Time Begins</i>	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	16 <i>Tax Day</i>	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30				Keep common household poisons and medicines out of the reach of children	
Never leave burning candles unattended		March 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31				May 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31



Support Services

- ❑ Provides direct technical support to frontline emergency services personnel related to apparatus, telecommunications, resource management, and logistics automation and information processing.
- ❑ Maintains more than 1,700 pieces of communications equipment, including mobile and portable radios, pagers, cellular phones, and mobile data terminals for emergency dispatches.
- ❑ Coordinates the maintenance of over 350 vehicles, including heavy and specialized apparatus.
- ❑ Responsible for repairing breathing apparatus and specialized tools such as chain saws, and routine testing of equipment.
- ❑ Manages an automated information management system that is critical for resource planning, analysis, and efficiency studies.
- ❑ Responsible for maintenance, management, and user support of all computer automation.
- ❑ Responsible for all personal computers, two local area networks, one wide area network, the Computer Aided Dispatch System (CAD), and over 30 remote workstation sites.
- ❑ Coordinates the procurement, receipt and delivery of all supplies and equipment for the organization.
- ❑ Evaluates and updates emergency response planning criteria and dispatch information to expedite emergency services.

C Shift

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Use your head—wear a helmet		1	2	3	4	5 <i>Safe Kids Day</i>
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 <i>Mother's Day</i>	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 <i>Memorial Day</i>	29	30	31		Keep barbecue grills away from structures
		April 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30			June 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	



Planning

- ❑ Coordinates long-range planning, including development of the Department's strategic plan.
- ❑ Coordinates, revises and implements capital improvement projects, including new facilities and major renovations to existing stations.
- ❑ Coordinates the Performance Measurement data development and reporting for local, regional, and national projects.

June 2001

 A Shift

 B Shift

 C Shift

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Never leave children unattended around water			Smother cooking fires with a pan lid		1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
					Fairfax Fair	Fairfax Fair
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Fairfax Fair				Flag Day		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Father's Day						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Never swim alone		May 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31			July 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	



Human Resources

- ❑ Responsible for planning, coordinating, and directing personnel, payroll, recruitment, and promotion testing.
- ❑ Provides benefit and pay information to uniformed and civilian employees.
- ❑ Responsible for reviewing and interpreting applicable federal and state laws relating to employment practices.
- ❑ Represents the Department during public meetings, court hearings, and the Civil Service Commission.
- ❑ Provides liaison with the County Attorney and Uniformed Retirement Board.
- ❑ Manages the application process for prospective firefighters.
- ❑ Responsible for eight-step recruiting process that includes a written exam, candidate physical abilities test (CPAT), polygraph, psychological interview, medical examination, and background investigation.
- ❑ Develops and administers promotional exams in conjunction with the Fairfax County Department of Human Resources.



July 2001

 A Shift

 B Shift

 C Shift

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 <i>Fire and Rescue Dept. 52nd Anniversary</i>	2	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i>	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	Don't drink and drive		Look both ways before crossing the street	
Buckle up for safety		June 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30			August 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	



Occupational Health and Safety

- ❑ Provides a program that will ensure a healthy workforce, both mentally and physically.
- ❑ Responsible for minimizing occupational injuries and illnesses, lost work-time, disability retirements, and workers' compensation costs while enhancing the quality of life for firefighters in the workplace.
- ❑ Ensures the Department remains compliant with all applicable government and industry standards.
- ❑ Provides 24-hour emergency coverage for incident scene safety, in-station education, safety inspections, critical incident stress management, and accident and injury review and documentation.
- ❑ Emphasizes physical fitness by supporting personnel with equipment and opportunities for physical fitness training as well as conditioning guidance provided by peer trainers.
- ❑ Conducts all education, treatment, and reporting related to infectious disease exposure events.
- ❑ Supports the Public Safety Occupational Health Center (PSOHC) providing comprehensive health services to include: routine medical examinations, immunizations, respirator fit-testing, medical consultations, surveillance, fitness-for-duty determinations, illness prevention and health risk reduction to career and volunteer firefighters, police officers, and deputy sheriffs.

August 2001

 A Shift

 B Shift

 C Shift

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Keep matches and lighters away from children		1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	Vacuum your smoke detector monthly
When escaping from a fire, check doors for heat before opening		July 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31			September 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	



Urban Search and Rescue Task Force

- ❑ Virginia Task Force 1, a 140-plus person Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) resource, is designed to provide technical expertise and rescue to those entrapped in collapsed reinforced concrete buildings following a catastrophic event.
- ❑ Designed to respond to major incidents in an urban setting, it is first charged with providing immediate life-saving assets for Fairfax County citizens.
- ❑ Comprised of both volunteer and career members, the team has assigned emergency managers, structural engineers and heavy rigging specialists, physicians and paramedics, collapse rescue technicians, logisticians, hazardous materials and communications specialists, as well as canine and technical search specialists. It is ready for world-wide deployment within six hours.
- ❑ Sponsored by the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, the task force is joined in two unique partnerships for the delivery of domestic (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and international (United States Agency for International Development) humanitarian relief. The full expense of any federal deployment and associated training is paid for by the federal government, resulting in no cost to Fairfax County.
- ❑ Upon activation, the team is comprised of 70-plus members capable of working 24-hours a day. The team uses approximately 50,000 pounds of tools, equipment, and supplies to perform its mission, and is self-sufficient for 72-hours (domestic) and 10 days (international).
- ❑ Within its complement of tools, equipment, and supplies, the task force uses sophisticated search devices (acoustical and optical), specially trained search canines, heavy rescue tools capable of breaking, breaching, and lifting re-inforced concrete, and hazardous materials detection equipment. The team also deploys with a specialized medical component capable of treating up to 50 critically injured patients.

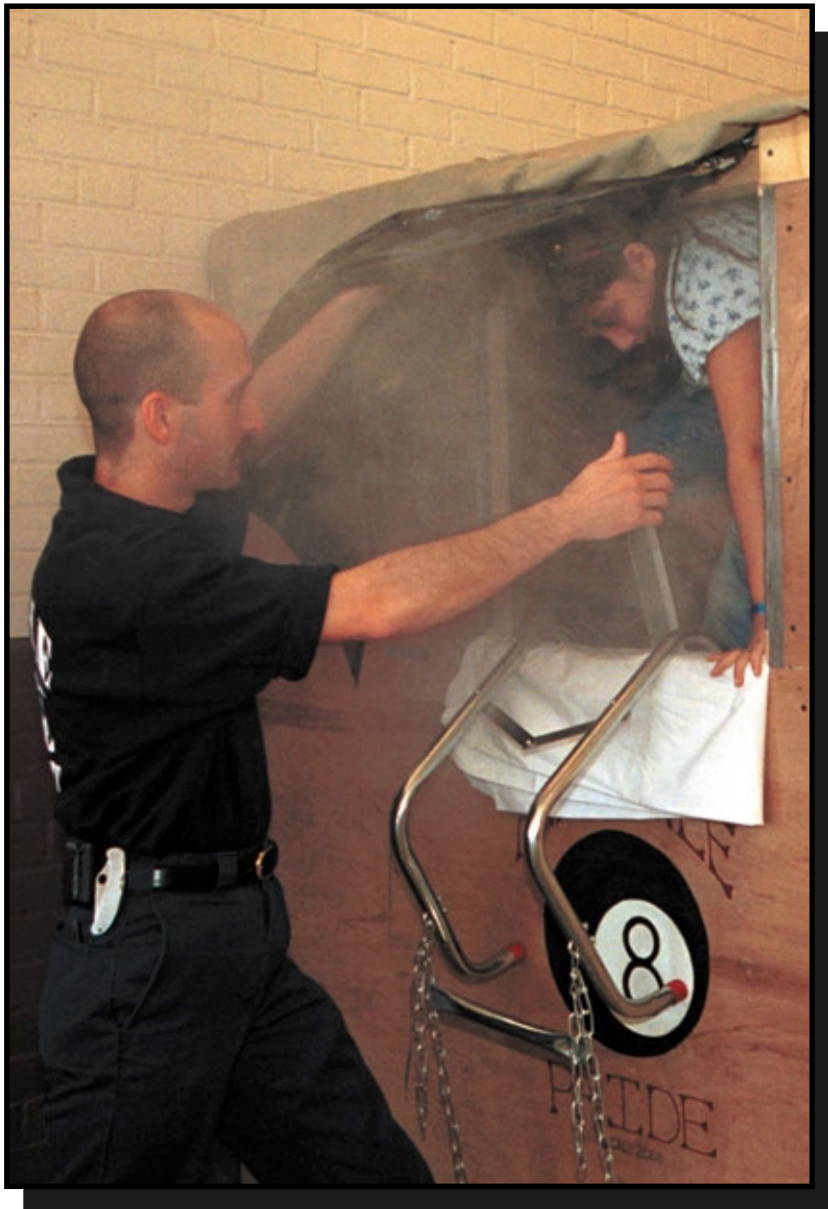
September 2001

 A Shift

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 C Shift

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Lower hot water heater temperature to 120 degrees				Is your child's car seat properly installed?	1
2	3 <i>Labor Day</i>	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	Learn who protects you—visit your local fire and rescue station	August 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31			October 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	



Volunteers

- ❑ Twelve private non-profit fire companies work in partnership with Fairfax County to provide fire stations, equipment and apparatus, and volunteer support.
- ❑ Volunteer companies are volunteer fire departments (VFD's) or volunteer fire and rescue departments (VFRD's). They include: Annandale VFD, Bailey's Crossroads VFD, Burke VFRD, Centreville VFD, Dunn Loring VFD, Fair Oaks VFRD, Franconia VFD, Great Falls VFD, Greater Springfield VFD, Lorton VFD, McLean VFD, and Vienna VFD.
- ❑ VFD's involve about 350 citizen volunteers in field operations in ranks ranging from probationary firefighter through chief officer.
- ❑ Provide over 65,000 hours of operational service. An additional 300 volunteers serve in administrative roles and participate in activities such as fundraising, maintenance of volunteer-owned stations, operation of canteen services during major incidents, and serve as departmental chaplains.
- ❑ Volunteer companies own the land and building at stations 2, 5, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, 17, 19, 22, and 23.
- ❑ VFD's are responsible for all major construction projects, renovations, and maintenance of volunteer properties.
- ❑ VFD's provide the county with apparatus that is purchased through fund-raising efforts.
- ❑ Volunteer fire departments own 34 ambulances, 24 engines, one truck, and four squads.
- ❑ The Volunteer Fire Commission, a seven-member body appointed by the Board of Supervisors to oversee all matters pertaining to volunteers, serves as the volunteers' representative to the Fire Chief.

October 2001

 A Shift

 B Shift

 C Shift

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Have your chimney checked and cleaned yearly	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 <i>Fire Prevention Week October 7- 13</i>	8 <i>Columbus Day</i>	9	10	11	12	13 <i>Fire Prevention Week Open House</i>
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends Change Your Clock- Change Your Battery</i>	29	30	31 <i>Halloween</i>		Carbon monoxide is a silent killer	
		September 2 3 4 5 6 7 1 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30				November 4 5 6 7 1 2 3 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30



Women's Program Office

- ❑ Advocate for women in the Department.
- ❑ Addresses issues and concerns of women including promotions, family, recruitment and retention, facilities, physical fitness, and health care.
- ❑ Represents women firefighters to senior staff.

Professional Standards

- ❑ Investigates allegations of employee misconduct.
- ❑ Performs background investigations of both career and volunteer applicants.
- ❑ Administers follow-up polygraph examinations in support of the recruitment process.
- ❑ Provides oversight of selected employee drug-screening.
- ❑ Provides in-service training for staff.
- ❑ Trains recruits while at the Fire and Rescue Academy on how "character matters."

Equal Employment Opportunity Office

- ❑ Oversees the Department's compliance with federal, state and county regulations prohibiting discrimination.
- ❑ Oversees the Department's diversity plan in accordance with the county diversity plan.
- ❑ Coordinates EEO counselor program, including volunteers.
- ❑ Provides training in areas of discrimination, harassment, diversity, and violence in the workplace to senior managers.
- ❑ Provides training for recruits and adjunct recruitment trainers in discrimination, sexual harassment, and cultural diversity.



November 2001

 A Shift

 B Shift

 C Shift

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Keep space heaters away from combustibles			1	2	3
4	5	6 <i>Election Day</i>	7	8	9	10
11	12 <i>Veteran's Day Holiday</i>	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	23 <i>Thanksgiving Day Holiday</i>	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	Can your ashes
If your clothes catch on fire—stop, drop, and roll		October 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31			December 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	



Public Information and Life Safety Education

- ❑ Educates and informs citizens on all aspects of the Department.
- ❑ Targets citizens through a myriad of traditional and innovative educational programs and events. Community events that help educate the general public include: Fairfax Fair, Safe Kids Day, Fire Prevention Week Open House, Fall for Fairfax, Safety Olympics, and Culmore Days.
- ❑ Promotes popular children and senior citizen programs such as Project S.A.F.E. (Students Acknowledge Fire Education) which allows firefighters and life safety staff to visit virtually all third-grade classrooms within the county.
- ❑ Coordinates the Every-Step-of-the-Way program which focuses on high-risk populations—the young and elderly.
- ❑ Conducts the Juvenile Firesetters Intervention Program, educating young children on the dangers of playing with matches and fire experimentation.
- ❑ Supports the Aluminum Cans for Burned Children (ACBC) program, jointly sponsored by the Greater Metropolitan Washington Regional Fire and Rescue Departments and the Children's National Medical Center.
- ❑ Participates in the Fairfax Safe Kids Coalition as a key participant in the safe and proper installation of child safety seats. In partnership with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Child Passenger Safety Program, the Department is committed to overcoming the unsafe installation of child safety seats throughout the Washington Metropolitan area.
- ❑ Informs citizens using the news media.
- ❑ Responds to all media queries, striving for timeliness and accuracy.



December 2001

 A Shift

 B Shift

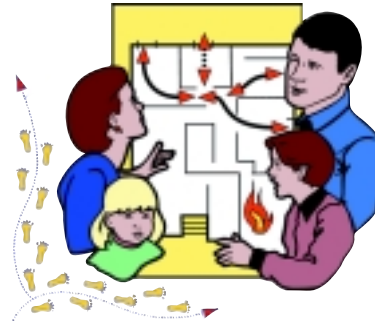
 C Shift

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		Don't overload electrical outlets			Keep your Christmas tree watered	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	<i>Christmas Eve</i>	<i>Christmas Day</i>				
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	<i>New Year's Eve</i>				Place emergency numbers next to phones	

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Community and Civic Groups

- ❑ Fire safety presentations including home escape planning and proper smoke detector placement.
- ❑ Community slide show showing Departmental programs.



Every Step of the Way

- ❑ A safety program targeted to the most vulnerable segments of the population—the very young and elderly.
- ❑ Preschool program reaches children three to five years of age in public and private schools and licensed daycare centers; teacher training, fire safety puppet shows, teacher and parent training that reaches over 23,000 children.



Elementary and Secondary School Programs

- ❑ Project SAFE—Third grade safety program in every Fairfax County Public Elementary School. Instruction conducted by firefighters.
- ❑ Kitchen safety classes.
- ❑ Babysitting classes.
- ❑ Latch key safety classes.
- ❑ Age appropriate general safety classes.

Childseat Installation Program

- ❑ Training through the National Highway Traffic Safety Agency Child Safety Seat Technician program.
- ❑ Schedules regular car seat checks throughout the county.
- ❑ Child Safety Seat Technicians available at local fire stations.
 - ❑ Participates in regional "Operation Kids" program.
 - ❑ Coordinates efforts with Fairfax County Police, Traffic Safety Division, and Fairfax County Safe Kids Coalition.
- ❑ Develops and maintains data base of child safety seat installations.



Operation Fire Safe and Battery for Life

- ❑ Provides for the distribution and installation of smoke detectors free of charge.
- ❑ Installation completed by firefighters.
- ❑ A home safety survey offered and conducted by firefighters.
- ❑ Provides batteries for smoke detectors in residential occupancies upon request.



Juvenile Firesetters Intervention Program

- ❑ An educational intervention program targeted for juvenile firesetters administered by nationally certified personnel.
- ❑ Referrals are received from court officials, school counselors, law enforcement officials, mental health practitioners, fire investigators, firefighters, parents and adult relatives.

Call the Public Information and Life Safety Education Section at (703) 246-3801 for further information on any of these programs.

Operations Data

General

Sites/Areas

Stations: 34
Battalions: 6
Fire Boxes: 470

Positions

Uniformed 1,155
Civilian, Full Time 89
Civilian, Seasonal 97

Staffed Functions

Paramedic Engines 34
Medics 21
Trucks 12
Ambulances 18
Rescues 7
Foam Unit 1

Response Data

Incidents

EMS 55,552
Suppression .. 21,872
Public Service . 4,432
Total 81,856

Technical Services

Water Rescue 52
Hazardous Materials 145
Technical Rescue 27
Total 224

Emergency Services

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Rate: 19.40 %
Appropriate Unit Arrival Rate:
ALS (within six minutes of dispatch) 80.89 %
Suppression (within five minutes of dispatch) . 56.73 %

Emergency Medical Services

Drownings/Submersions/Suffocations 0
Helicopter Transports 202
Patients Transported 35,858
Burns 231
Pre-Arrival Aid 91
Cardiac Arrest 409
Resuscitations 102
Poisonings/Overdoses 531
Motor Vehicle Deaths/Injuries 5,751

Fire Suppression

Fires

Structure, residential 692
Cause # 1 Equipment unattended 83
Cause # 2 Failure to clean 72
Cause # 3 Abandoned, discarded heat source ... 63
Structure, non-residential 147
Cause # 1 Unlawful incendiary 19
Cause # 2 Electrical failure 18
Cause # 3 Abandoned, discarded heat source ... 12
Vehicle 547
Cause # 1 Unable to determine 198
Cause # 2 Mechanical failure 82

False Alarms

Malicious 389
Malfunction 2,614
Accidental/Other 5,529

Smoke Detectors

Alerts (structure fires) 215
Available, not working 118

Dollar Loss

All fires \$29,319,289

Fire Data

Accidental Fires

Electrical 67
Mechanical Failure 13
Kitchen/Cooking Hazards 20
Heating and A/C Equipment 6
FP Ashes/Defective Chimney 11
Smoking Materials 30
Candles 22
Children with Matches/Lighter 8
Flammable Liquids/Vapors 5
Combustibles Near Heat Source 8
Spontaneous Ignition 4
Lightning 3
Other Accidental Causes 16
Total 213

Other Investigations

Explosives and Devices 21
Fireworks 13
Threats to Burn 2
Attempted Arson 2
False Alarms/Tampering 0
Hazardous Materials Incidents .. 2
Other 8
Total 48

Legal Actions

Arrests 24
Petitions (Juvenile) 67
Exceptional Closures 9
Total 100

Fire Investigations and Service Calls Opened/Closed

Accidental 213	Closed 213
Incendiary 162	Closed 57
Undetermined 21	
Other 48	Closed 17
Service 47	
Total Opened 491	Total Closed 287

Fire

Value

Loss

Accidental \$559,795,976 ..	\$22,901,145
Incendiary 424,710,409 ..	1,274,690
Undetermined 8,276,205 ..	5,841,270
Other 109,758,604 ..	6,425
Total \$1,102,541,194 ..	\$30,023,530



Emergency Telephone Numbers . . .

Fire and Ambulance 911 (Voice/TTY)
Police, to report a crime in progress or accident 911 (Voice/TTY)
Non-Emergencies (703) 691-2131 (Voice/TTY)

Poison Control (202) 625-3333
or TTY (202) 362-8563

Flooding (703) 691-2131 (Voice/TTY)

Sanitary sewer line repair or emergencies (703) 323-1211
or TTY (703) 239-8498

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